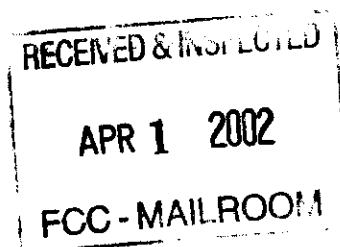


March 20, 2002

Magalie Salas, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554



RE: CC Docket 96-45, Carrier Certification for Interstate Access Universal Service Support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.809

Ms. Salas:

Following is the filing in accordance 47 C.F.R. §54.809 of Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company. certification for Interstate Access Universal Service Support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.807 and as referenced in CC Docket No. 96-45.

I, Tom Mullins, am of lawful age and an authorized representative of Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company, hereby state by my signature below:

Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company will use Interstate Access Universal Service Support the carrier receives pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.807 of the FCC's regulations only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Enclosed is a copy of the Iowa Utilities Board order, issued December 3, 1997, designating Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company as an eligible carrier in the State of Iowa.

Should you have any questions regarding the preceding information, please feel free to contact me at 563-678-2470.

Sincerely,

Tom Mullins
General Manager
Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company

cc: Irene Flannery
Universal Service Administrative Company
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STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

UNIVERSAL SERVICE-ELIGIBLE
CARRIERS

DOCKET NO. IOWA ADMIN.
CODE 199-39.2(4)
(1997)

**ORDER GRANTING WAIVERS AND
DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIERS**

(Issued December 3, 1997)

On September 5, 1997, the Utilities Board (Board) adopted emergency rules in Docket No. RMU-97-9 pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Universal Service Fund (USF) rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in CC Docket No. 96-45. The rules adopted by the Board provide standards under which Iowa carriers can be designated as eligible telecommunications carriers. A carrier receiving the Board's designation is eligible to receive federal universal service support. Eligible carriers must offer the services supported by the USF using their own facilities or a combination of their own facilities and resale, advertise the availability of the supported services, and offer these services throughout their designated service area.

The eligible carrier applications filed with the Board fell into three broad categories. The first group of applicants consisted chiefly of members of the Iowa Telephone Association (ITA) apart from GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The

second category was one competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative (Heart of Iowa). The only member of the third category was GTE. Each local exchange carrier in each category is identified on a five-page table appended to this order, identified as Attachment 1.

No objections were filed regarding any of the applications. All of the applicants satisfy the requirements of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(3) (1997), with the exceptions discussed below.

The first group of applicants stated they lack facilities to implement toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. The applicants contended substantial new investments will be necessary to comply and they sought Board waiver of the toll limitation requirement. Board rule 39.2(2), based upon 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(c), gives the Board authority to grant additional time to complete network upgrades to provide the service if the applicant can show it cannot provide the service owing to exceptional circumstances. The Board agrees the toll limitation requirement should be waived until this technology is reasonably available and the Board has issued an order directing a statewide implementation schedule for toll limitation service.

Heart of Iowa, the only applicant in the second category, requested the same waiver for the same reasons as the applicants in the first group. Heart of Iowa also stated concerns about prison calls and toll limitation being a subscriber function

rather than a carrier function. These additional concerns conflict with policy determinations already made by the FCC. The Board is unable to alter these policy determinations. However, the Board will grant a toll limitation waiver for the same reasons a waiver was granted to applicants in the first group.

GTE, the sole applicant in the third category, asked for waiver of the toll limitation requirement, the requirement to provide access to 911 service, and the requirement to provide single-party service. GTE based its toll limitation waiver request upon the same grounds as the other applicants and states it will be able to make the service available when its seven-year facilities upgrade program is completed on December 31, 1998. GTE also stated it will be able to provide access to 911 service and single-party service by December 31, 1998. The Board will grant GTE the same toll limitation waiver given to the applicants in the first two groups because it is not clear the toll limitation technology will be available by the date GTE expects. The Board, consistent with the GTE network upgrade program previously filed with the Board, will grant the requested waiver for providing access to 911 service and for providing single-party service until December 31, 1998.

Eligible telecommunications carrier status will be granted to all of the applicants. The designated service area for each applicant will be its service territory under its current certificate of public convenience and necessity. Future

developments in the federal universal service program may require the Board to revise the service area designations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to each local exchange carrier listed in Groups A, B, and C, on a five-page table appended to this order, identified as Attachment 1.. The designated service area for each listed local exchange carrier shall be the carrier's service territory established in its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

2. Waiver of the IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"g" (1997) requirement to provide toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers is granted to each local exchange carrier listed in Groups A, B, and C, on Attachment 1 until the technology becomes reasonably available and the Board has issued an order directing a statewide implementation schedule.

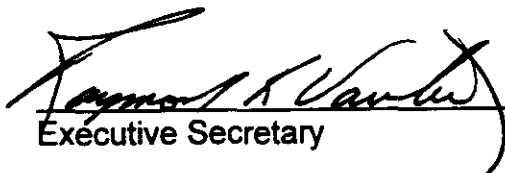
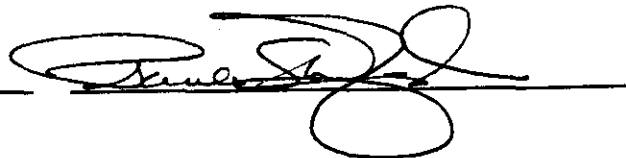
3. Waiver of the IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"d" (1997) requirement to provide single-party service or its functional equivalent and of the IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)"e" (1997) requirement to provide access to emergency services is granted to GTE Midwest Incorporated until December 31, 1998.

4. The Executive Secretary to the Board shall mail copies of this order to the applicants, the Universal Service Administrative Company, the FCC Universal Service Branch, and the FCC Office of the Secretary.

UTILITIES BOARD



ATTEST:


Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

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